

William Charles Cole Claiborne to Andrew Jackson, October 24, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, October 24, 1814.

Sir, Your address to the Louisianians is well received, and will make a favorable impression. a feeble attempt has been made in a paper, called the Louisiana Gazette, to take *exception to the stile and manner* ; But I do not learn, that a *single worthy citizen* unites in opinion with this news paper scribler. The natives of Louisiana are for the most part, a virtuous and Gallant people, you have inspired them with confidence, and I am proud in the belief, that in any event, they will prove faithful to the united states. The natives of the united states, residing in this state, have for the most part, manifested the most favorable disposition; but I have cause to be particularly satisfied with the Militia of Baton Rouge District; their quota of the requisition, was furnished with the greatest promptitude; an Excellent company of volunteer cavalry from that district are also in service, and a volunteer company of Riflemen are expected in a few days. an excellent company of cavalry composed of creoles of Louisiana, arrived on last evening from Attakapas, and about five hundred and fifty of the Detached Militia Infantry, are expected here in two or three days from Baton Rouge. Major General Villere of the first and Major General Thomas of the 2nd Division of Militia,¹ have manifested the greatest Zeal, and I am much indebted to them for the support they have given, and continue to afford me. I have also abundant reason to be satisfied with the conduct of Colonel MacRea, and the Quarter Master General Colo Pratt; I find these Gentlemen greatly disposed to promote the good of the service

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1 Jacques Villeré, afterward (1818–1822) governor of Louisiana; Philemon Thomas, M. C. 1831–1835.

and to afford the Militia every proper accommodation. Your address sir to the chosen men of colour will be printed on this day. I will use my best efforts to promote your wishes; but I do not know with what success; I have already apprized you of the *Distrust* which exists here against this corps of people; I believe it to be ill founded But its existence, may, and I fear, has, in some degree indisposed them towards us; The difficulty among the officers of the Battalion of colour of which I informed you, is nearly arranged, and I continue to think, that in the moment of trial they will prove a meriterious corps. Fort St Philip at Plaquemine is in need (I learn) of a reinforcement; if it meets your approbation I will detach to that post, a Lieutenant and forty men of colour.

I am sir,